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Man Charged with Intoxication Manslaughter As a Result of a Fatality Accident

FRISCO, TX – Earlier today at around 3:40 p.m., officers with the Frisco Police Department responded to the intersection of FM 423 and Main Street for a major vehicle accident involving a motorcycle. Upon arrival, officers found that the motorcyclist was thrown from his vehicle after colliding with a four door passenger car in the intersection. The driver of the vehicle was not injured, and the motorcyclist was taken by CareFlite to Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

Accident investigators determined that the passenger car failed to yield the right of way (left turn) when turning from southbound FM 423 to eastbound Main Street. The motorcyclist was traveling northbound on FM 423 at the time of the collision. At around 6:10 p.m. the motorcyclist, identified as 49-year-old James Pritchett of Little Elm, was pronounced dead as a result of his injuries.

During the investigation, it was determined that the driver of the passenger car, 49-year-old John Skiles of Heath, was intoxicated while operating a motor vehicle and was subsequently arrested for the offense of Intoxication Manslaughter. Skiles is currently being held at the Frisco City Jail with no bond set. Intoxication Manslaughter is a 2nd degree felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

The intersection of FM 423 and Main Street remained closed for many hours during the police department's investigation, but as of 8:00 p.m. the roadway was reopened.

For additional information about this incident, please refer to Frisco Police Department report 10-040406.

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